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We are committed to a sweet new year--for everyone.

When we fight, we win!

On Friday, 13,000 janitors represented by SEIU 32BJ, reached a tentative agreement on their 4-year master contract! These janitors maintain buildings across Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including John Hancock, Prudential Tower, Vertex and Biogen, State Street. The new contract

provides a 12% increase in wages over the life of the contract, expands employer-paid healthcare to family members of full-time employees, and creates more opportunities for full-time work.

The JLC is proud to have participated in many ways in this campaign, from marching janitors to calling for a fair contract as part of the larger faith community. Sixteen rabbis signed the faith statement as they prepared for Rosh Hashanah. Thank you to everyone who supported the fight over the past year.

32BJ janitors continue to negotiate their contracts at Tufts University and Harvard University.

Harvard Dining Services Workers: Out on Strike!

Support the strike *tomorrow*, October 6 at 5PM in Harvard Yard

Today at 6AM, 750 Harvard University Dining Services workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 26, began an indefinite strike for a sustainable annual income of at least $35,000 and affordable healthcare. Harvard is the wealthiest university in the world, yet they refuse to adequately compensate the workers who feed and take care of students every day. We joined 600 people at the rally this morning, including students, faculty, and other Harvard workers. Enough is enough!

How can you support striking HUDS workers?

* Join Harvard students and HUDS workers for a rally and picket line starting at 5PM tomorrow in Harvard Yard.
* If you are Jewish, sign onto the Jewish Community Statement of Support for HUDS workers: tinyurl.com/jewish-community-HUDS-support
* Stay connected on social media by liking the NE JLC, UNITE HERE 26, and the Harvard Student Labor Action Movement (SLAM) on Facebook and following @NEJewishLabor and @UNITEHERE26 on Twitter.
* Share this Facebook post and tweet @Harvard using #SupportTheStrike

Please contact me if you have questions at NewEnglandJLC@jewishlabor.org or 617 227-0888.

Thanks so much for your support,
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